

# Troopers Arrest Laurel Man on Weapon and Drug Charges - Dagsboro

**Dagsboro-** The Delaware State Police have arrested a Laurel man after a domestic related shooting led to the discovery of drugs.

The incident occurred on December 17, 2018 at approximately 2:21 p.m. when Troopers were dispatched to a residence in the 30000 block of Iron Branch Road for a report of a domestic related shooting. Upon arrival, Troopers learned that an argument ensued between two victims who are brothers and their mother's boyfriend, 33-year-old **Christopher L. Sturgis**. Sturgis proceeded to pull out a gun and shoot multiple rounds. Also present during this incident was a 16-year-old female, a 42-year-old female and a 46-year-old male. There were no reports of any injuries.

Sturgis fled the scene prior to police arrival. Later that evening at approximately 10:01 p.m., Troopers observed Sturgis driving a 2008 white Honda CRV. The vehicle pulled into the Holly Brook Apartments, Laurel, and a traffic stop was initiated. Troopers observed Sturgis throw a plastic bag on the ground and he was subsequently taken into custody without incident. A search led to the discovery of the following:

- Approximately 2.57 grams of powder cocaine
- Approximately 2.63 grams of crack cocaine
- Approximately 1.02 grams of marijuana
- 6 Alprazolam pills
- Drug paraphernalia

Sturgis was transported back to Troop 5 where he was charged with the following:

- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony
- Possession of a Firearm or Ammunition by a Person Prohibited (2 counts)
- Reckless Endanger First Degree (5 counts)
- Endangering the Welfare of a Child
- Possession With Intent To Deliver a Controlled Substance (3 counts)
- Tampering With Physical Evidence
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (3 counts)
- Possession of Marijuana
- Driving While Suspended or Revoked

Sturgis was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on \$174,101.00 cash only bond.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at [debra.reed@delaware.gov](mailto:debra.reed@delaware.gov).

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